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Title: Regarding declaring Jharsuguda as a railway division and build a new overbridge at Chowki Para town.

DR. PRABHAS KUMAR SINGH (BARGARH): Thank you, hon. Speaker Madam, for giving me an opportunity to speak on a very important matter relating to my constituency.

Jharsuguda railway station is one of the oldest railway stations in the country. Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of our Nation, had visited this station during the freedom struggle. Three districts, namely, Bargarh, Sambalpur and Sundergarh depend on this railway station daily as passengers on different trains from different directions use this station for their day to day work. But due to the apathy of the authorities, it has been neglected for a long time. There is no connectivity; there is no water supply, no drainage system, and no sanitation. I want to urge upon the Union Government to declare Jharsuguda railway station as a railway division since it is in an industrial corridor and a number of industrial houses are located near this station making it an industrial hub and also since during 2016 the new airport will come up. I request the Government through you Madam to declare Jharsuguda as a railway division and also to build a new overbridge at Chowki Para in Jharsuguda town which is a long pending demand of the people of my constituency.

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Ajay Mishra – not present. Shri P. Karunakaran.